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Seattle Parks announces a park name, clears up confusion on another

Seattle Parks and Recreation is naming the park at Federal Ave. E and E Republican St. Broadway Hill Park and clearing up confusion about several parks with the words "Kiwanis Ravine" in their names.

Federal and Republican. Parks purchased the property at the corner of Federal Ave. E and E Republican St. in March 2010. This acquisition helped fill a need for open space in the Capitol Hill Urban Village area. In 2011, the Friends of Federal and Republican Park received a Neighborhood Matching Fund award and hired SiteWorkshop to work with the community in preparing a schematic design. Parks held three public meetings to plan, design and build a new, welcoming neighborhood park.

The preferred schematic features a large lawn area and seating at a "front porch" area at the top of the site and on a seat wall alongside the sidewalk. The park will include a community garden (as part of the P-Patch program) and opportunities for natural play and artwork. Friends of Federal and Republican Park also won a \$10,000 Build Your Block Challenge Award from Umpqua Bank that will help with initial landscaping needs. The community is applying for other grants and doing private fundraising with the hope of beginning construction in 2013.

The Park Naming Committee committee is unanimous in its recommendation of the name **Broadway Hill Park** for this site, and the Acting Parks Superintendent concurs. The name provides a strong link to the history of the neighborhood and has community support. Both Cal Anderson Park and Bobby Morris Playfield used to have "Broadway" as a part of their names, but when they were renamed the historical references to the "Broadway Hill" neighborhood were removed.

Discussion and recommendation on park names along Kiwanis Ravine. There are several parcels of park land in the area of W Fort St. and 33rd Ave. W in Magnolia, east of Discovery Park and Ft. Lawton, which feature the words "Kiwanis Ravine" in their names:

- Kiwanis Memorial Preserve Park
- Kiwanis Ravine Park
- Kiwanis Ravine Natural Area
- Kiwanis Ravine Overlook

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The parcels are close together but not contiguous. The Naming Committee recommended, and the Acting Superintendent agreed that all three sites will go by a single name, Kiwanis Ravine Memorial Preserve Park.

The Kiwanis Ravine Overlook will retain its name and will become part of the Kiwanis Ravine Memorial Preserve Park. This name was selected because it was a condition of the donation of the large portion of land north of W Fort St. to the City in the 1950s.

The Park Naming Committee is comprised of one representative designated by the Board of Park Commissioners, one by the Chair of the City Council committee dealing with Parks and Recreation issues, and one by the Parks Superintendent. Criteria the Committee considers in naming parks include geographical location, historical or cultural significance, and natural or geological features. A park may be named for a person no longer living (deceased a minimum of three years) who made a significant contribution to parks and/or recreation.

The Park Naming Committee makes a recommendation to the Parks Superintendent, who makes the final decision.

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